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In re Application of :
Laughlin et al. :
Application No. 10/730,549 :
Filed: December 5, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. CWRU-P01-046 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed on May 24, 2006, to make the above-identified application special based on applicants who are small entities filing biotechnology applications as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section XII.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(d) and MPEP § 708.02, Section XII: Special Status for Applications Relating to Biotechnology Filed by Applicants Who are Small Entities, must be accompanied by (1) the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h); and (2) state:

- (A) That small entity status has been established or include a statement establishing small entity status;
- (B) That the subject of the patent application is a major asset of the small entity; and
- (C) That the development of the technology will be significantly impaired if examination of the patent application is delayed, including an explanation of the basis for making the statement.

The instant petition includes a statement from an attorney of record. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Petitions Examiner Liana Chase at 571-272-3206. All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This matter is being referred to the Technology Center Art Unit 1651 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.


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